

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the current title with the following:

**PREPARATION OF 1,6-HEXANEDIOL**

On page 1, immediately following the title, please add the following new section:

**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

The present application is a National Stage application of PCT/EP2003/013634, filed December 3, 2003, which claims priority from German Patent Application No. DE 102 58 316, filed December 13, 2002.--